



Maryland Agriculture Data

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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MAY 2, 2005

CORN PLANTING PROGRESSES

Cool weather prevailed last week and mostly dry conditions allowed planting to progress. Air temperatures were in the 70's with scattered precipitation reported. **There were 5.4 days suitable for field work.** Corn planting advanced to 30 percent complete, nearly double the progress of a week earlier. Planting of most **vegetable crops** progressed although lagged behind last year and the 5-year average.

Small grains were beginning to develop and were reported in mostly good to excellent condition. **Barley** was rated 4 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 53 percent good, and 27 percent excellent. **Winter wheat** was rated 3 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 60 percent good, and 22 percent excellent.

Pasture was rated 13 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 44 percent good, and 27 percent excellent while **hay supplies** were rated 8 percent very short, 21 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Small Grain Development:				
Barley Headed	23	12	32	52
Wheat Headed	5	1	2	14
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloups	15	13	20	17
Corn	30	16	31	26
Green Peas	73	62	92	87
Potatoes	78	60	75	83
Snap Beans	5	3	12	10
Sweet Corn	25	18	23	29
Tomatoes	30	27	35	30
Watermelons	11	9	8	11
Fruit Crops Blooming:				
Apples	50	15	88	77
Peaches	70	31	92	89
Strawberries	63	48	73	70

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	10	81	9
Topsoil (2004)	-	1	89	10
Five Year Average	1	6	78	15
Subsoil Moisture	-	2	87	11
Subsoil (2004)	-	-	88	12
Five Year Average	3	12	74	11

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.33	14.44	+1.69	71	38	55	-3
Easton	1.04	18.43	+4.21	74	40	57	-3
Frederick	0.80	13.51	+1.70	73	37	53	+0
Frostburg	0.47	15.01	+0.31	66	29	45	-6
Hagerstown	0.61	10.45	-1.18	70	36	53	-4
Mechanicsville	0.90	14.42	+0.08	72	38	55	-4
Patuxent River	0.72	13.58	+0.83	74	40	58	-2
Ocean City	0.25	13.91	-1.12	70	43	56	-3
Salisbury	0.73	14.17	-0.40	73	32	55	-3
Sharpsburg	0.66	12.83	+1.02	73	36	51	-2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.28	13.85	+2.43	70	40	57	-4
Delaware							
Dover	1.36	15.19	+1.46	72	39	56	-3
Georgetown	0.92	12.58	-1.78	73	37	57	+2
Wilmington	1.13	15.02	+2.14	70	40	55	-3

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